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FROM US DEL ICNAF

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1. US DEL ARRIVED NOVEMBER 29 AND HELD FULL DELEGATION MEETING NOVEMBER 30 IN PREPARATION FOR OPENING PLENARY DECEMBER 1. SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE NOVEMBER 24 AND PREPOTED RESULTS TO DATE TO DELEGATION.

2. THREE THINGS EMERGED FROM THE DELEGATION MEETING: FIRST, THE INDUSTRY ADVISORS HAVE STATED THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE DECISIONS TAKEN HERE BY THE US DEL AS A WHOLE TO THE EXTENT THAT THESE DECISIONS VARY IN ANY WAY FROM THE VIEWS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCILS, THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT PLANS OR THE OPINIONS OF THEIR INDUSTRY CONSTITUENTS.

3. SECOND, IT IS ALREADY CLEAR THAT THE SCIENTISTS (INCLUDING U.S.), BASED ON MOST RECENT DATA AND ANALYSIS, WILL RECOMMEND A HIGHER TAC FOR MACKEREL THAN THE 55 THOUSAND METRIC TONS THAT WAS OUR POSITION AT THE JUNE MEETING. THE INDUSTRY ADVISERS WILL NOT SUPPORT A HIGHER FIGURE AND IN ANY EVENT ARE NOW ASKING FOR NO DIRECTED FISHERY FOR MACKEREL BY FOREIGNERS.

4. THIRD, IN THE ABSENCE THUS FAR OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, WE WILL ACT AS THOUGH OUR INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY ON AN AD REFERENDUM BASIS.

5. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, CUBAN COMMISSIONER OLTUSKEI RAISED SUBJECT OF CONTINUATION OF CUBAN FISHERIES OFF U.S. COASTS AFTER MARCH 1, AND OF NEED FOR BOUNDARY BETWEEN CUBAN AND U.S. FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE. U.S. REP NOTED THAT CUBAN VESSELS COULD ONLY FISH WITH PERMIT PURSUANT TO GIFA AFTER MARCH 1 ANYWHERE IN U.S. ZONE, EXCEPT POSSIBLY ICNAF AREA. AND, IN ICNAF AREA, IF U.S. REMAINS PARTY TO ICNAF FOR 1977, ONLY WITH REGISTRATION PERMIT ISSUED BY U.S. OLTUSKEI APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN IF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD A GIFA THERE WOULD BE NO SURPLUS OF SHRIMP IN GULF OF MEXICO BUT RAISED POSSIBILITY OF SNAPPER/GROUPER SURPLUS. ON BOUNDARY

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ISSUE, OLTUSKEI POINTED OUT WORDING OF P.L. 94-265 EXTENDING ZONE TO LIMITS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IF CLOSER THAN 200 MILES AND ASKED IF U.S. INTENDED TO CLAIM FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE UP TO CUBAN TERRITORIAL SEA. U.S. REP REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE THAT U.S. WOULD TAKE SUCH A POSITION BUT THAT MATTER HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED AS YET. OLTUSKI ITERATED NEED FOR TWO COUNTRIES TO QUOTE

GET TOGETHER UNQUOTE ON THE BOUNDARY QUESTION. STABLER

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